

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2386) (P)

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

CLEM MC GOWAN called from the Bureau at 10:20 A.M. today, 4/24/68, and pointed out the possibility that RAY did not plan this job until after he arrived in Atlanta. This position is supported by his having given a change of address to the Locksmith Company after his arrival. This address was accurate.

Based on the foregoing premise, MC GOWAN instructed that we check stolen auto reports, going back to 3/23/68, on the possibility that RAY stole an auto and rented a garage someplace and stashed the car, planning for a subsequent getaway. This area should be explored immediately, it being noted we have already considered and looked into this possibility for a shorter period of time.

All possible storage garages within a several-block area of RAY's residence should be identified and investigated. This would be private as well as commercial.

MC GOWAN also instructed that based on the foregoing premise, we determine the purchases of Georgia Drivers Licenses starting on or about 3/23/68, up until the time of RAY's departure from this area. He may have obtained a drivers license in an effort to establish a new identity.

MC GOWAN also suggested the possibility that RAY became involved in a fracas in this area with a Negro and this may have set off his assassination activities. I told MC GOWAN that we had not determined any such information through police records. This matter should be rechecked through Police records.

MC GOWAN also suggested that with reference to review of newspaper articles for automotive purchases from private owners, we expand our search back to the time of 3/23/68.

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